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SUBJECT: FY(77 MULTI-REGIONAL RADIO PROJECT

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1. EMBASSY WISHES PROPOSED MARIAMA KIETA FOR SUBJECT EXCHANGE PROGRAM AS JOINT CANDIDATE WITH USAID. MS. KIETA IS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PROGRAMMING FOR GOVERNMENT STATION VOIX DU SAHEL AND HAS BEEN KEY FIGURE IN LOCAL BROADCASTING MANY YEARS. SHE ALSO IS MAJOR PARTICIPANT IN GON EFFORTS INCREASE WOMEN'S ROLE IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND HAS REPRESENTED NIGER IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS DEALING THIS SUBJECT. NOMINEE IS FREQUENT COLLABORATOR AMERICAN MISSION PROJECTS AND HAS NOT BEEN TO US EXCEPT FOR TRANSITING DURING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. EMBASSY SEES EXCELLENT PROSPECTS NOMINEE WILL ENHANCE HER POSITION IN NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND POLITICAL FIELDS.

2. SUBJECT PROJECT APPEARS IDEAL CHANNEL COMBINE CANDIDATE'S INTEREST IN RADIO AND WOMEN'S AFFAIRS WITH OPPORTUNITY OBSERVE AMERICAN LIFE AND CULTURE. EMBASSY ASSUMES SYRACUSE PROJECT ORGANIZERS CAN DESIGN POST-SEMINAR PRACTICAL WORKING ASSIGNMENTS ALONG LINES THAT OFFER BROAD CONTACT WITH SPECIALISTS AND PROGRAMS SEEKING

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INCREASE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT BY WOMEN AND MINORITY GROUP CITIZENS IN NATIONAL LIFE.

3. IN EVENT THIS NOT POSSIBLE, ADJUSTMENT MIGHT BE MADE IN LENGTH HER PARTICIPATION MULTIREGIONAL PROJECT OR DURATION HER STAY US TO ENABLE SPECIAL PROGRAMMING REGARDING INTERESTS WOMEN'S ROLE

IN DEVELOPMENT.

4. VIEW JOINT EMBASSY/USAID INTEREST THIS CANDIDATE AND SEVERE
LIMITATIONS MISSIONS IV FUNDS, USAID WILLING UNDERWRITE COSTS
THIS PROJECT. ADVISE ASAP AMOUNT OF ESTIMATED CHARGES.

5. PROCEDURES OBTAIN GON APPROVAL CANDIDATE SELECTION ARE LONG
AND CUMBERSOME. EMBASSY THEREFORE INITIATING GRANT OFFER PRIOR
DEPARTMENT'S CONFIRMATION MS. KIETA ACCEPTABLE FOR PROGRAM.
REQUEST SUCH CONFIRMATION BE MADE EARLIESTS. DECONTROL UPON
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